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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 1, Special Branch 11111

REPORT

Date January 12, 1940.

Subject Shanghai Tramways - Allegations against Conductors No. 543 and 596.

W. D.S.I. Kao Yen Ken

Forwarded to

L. I. Crawford

On December 24, 1939, the management of the Shanghai Tramways received an anonymous letter alleging that Conductors No. 543 and 596 plan to engineer a strike and they have a union headquarters at 73 Kong Ka Chiao, off Jessfield Road.

Discreet enquiries have been made into the matter, but the allegation cannot be confirmed.

It is known that Conductor No. 543 Hsu Teh Ching (徐德清) nicknamed Siao Dah Ts (小达士), is a native of Kompo and a "high interest" money leader. He exercises influence over some 300 conductors and motormen of Kompo nativity. He is not a member of the "Shanghai Municipality Communications, Water & Electricity Workers' Union", 1103 King Sz Doo Miao, off Connaught Road (now inactive) or any other unions. As his financial condition is good, he is quite satisfied to keep his present employment in the Shanghai Tramways and seems unwilling to run the risk of engineering a strike.

Conductor No. 596 Chun Yien Tsing (陳延清) is an old man having served in the Shanghai Tramways for about 20 years. He is talkative on the subject of demands for better treatment, but he has no initiative, nor will the workers follow him. He is not a member of the "Shanghai Municipality Communications, Water & Electricity Workers' Union" or other unions.

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the alleged union headquarters at 73 Kong Ka Chiao, off Jessfield Road, C.C.L., has also been visited. There are two No. 73 in that vicinity, one being a Chinese cake shop and the other being a Chinese native bungalow for the poor. Nothing in connection with any labour movement is known there.

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Translation.

Shanghai, December 24, 1939.

A. A. Ewing, Esq.,
General Manager.
Shanghai Tramways.

Dear Sir,

You have not yet given a reply to the mechanics' demands for allowances and retirement gratuity. The Traffic men are asking for equal treatment. The Conductors No. 543 and No. 596 are planning a strike. The headquarters is inside 73 Kong Kai Chiao, Jessfield Road.

Please take precautionary measures against their plan.

Yours faithfully,

(Unsigned).

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